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Presented by Joe Maurier
House Fish, Wildlife & Parks Committee

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, for the record, my name is Joe Maurier, Park Division Administrator, for the Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP). The joint resolution proposed by the sponsor, Representative Fuery, urges the Parks Division of FWP to establish a state park at the Milltown Dam site – the confluence of the Blackfoot and Clark Fork rivers. The site is presently being reclaimed and restored. At first blush, the site appears to have some of the characteristics we look for in evaluating new park additions, i.e., significant river recreation potential. If this resolution is adopted by this legislature, I would anticipate the need to address several issues:

- Protection for the State of Montana from any and all liabilities, now and in the future related to the site clean-up and contaminants.
- An evaluation of the site and proposed development using our park criteria.
- Working closely with the local residents and stakeholders who have already developed a conceptual plan for the area.
- Capital, operations and maintenance funding.

According to conversations I have had with the folks of the Natural Resources Damage Board there are still many moving parts to this project including acceptance of some portion of the property owned by Northwestern by the state. If we proceed, we will use the next year and a half to perform all the necessary due diligence required.